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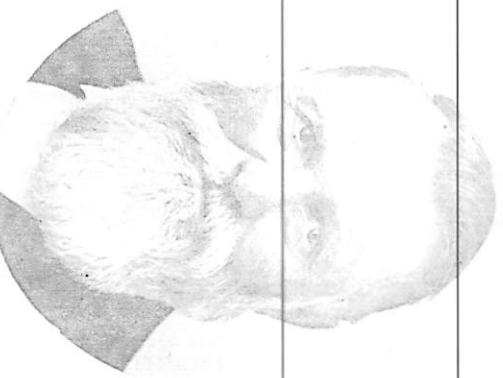
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counselor, in Frisco Ward, Beaver
Stake of Zion, son of John and Electa
Allen Murdock, was born at Lima,
Adams county, Illinois, Aug. 1,
1840. When about one year old he
was taken by his parents to Nauvoo,
Ill., the family being expelled with
the rest of the saints in 1846. His
elder brother having gone with the
Mormon Battalion to the Mexican
war, at the age of six and a half
years, he had helped his father drive
an ox-team freighting to Winter
Quarters, leaving there June 10, 1847,
and reaching Salt Lake valley Sept.
24th, following, the boy driv-
ing an ox-team all the way. All the
hardships of that trying time were ex-
perienced, but can scarcely be told.

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In the spring of 1851 his father went
on a mission to Australia and the
mother having died in the boy's
fourth year, he went to live with a
brother at Lehi. At fifteen, he was
enrolled in the military and served in
the Walker Indian war; he after-
wards became a captain in the mil-
itia. Freighting east and west was
followed and in 1864 he went with a
Church train to the Missouri river for
emigrants, and the following year
moved to Beaver, where, besides mak-
ing a location, he again served exten-
sively as a military officer and
took part in the Blackhawk war. In

1872 he made an exploring trip to
Arizona, and the same year, Dec.
7th, was ordained a High Priest by
Bishop John R. Murdock, serving al-
so as a member of the High Council.
In 1866 Brother Gideon moved into
Sevier county and July 22, 1877, was
ordained Bishop and set apart to pre-
side over Joseph Ward by President
Wilford Woodruff and apostle Eras-
mus Snow, holding the position for six-
teen years. In 1894 he returned to
Beaver county and for the last nine
years has been Sunday school su-
perintendent and is now Bishop's coun-
selor in Frisco Ward, though his fam-
ily lives in Minersville. Brother Mur-
dock was married March 1, 1866, to
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